

REMARKS

Revocation of Power of Attorney

Applicant is enclosing herewith a Revocation of Power of Attorney and Appointment of New Attorney naming BRUCE H. TROXELL as attorney of record in this patent application. It is requested that all further correspondence regarding this matter be forwarded to TROXELL LAW OFFICE PLLC at the address listed on the enclosed form. A CHANGE OF ADDRESS FORM is also submitted herewith.

Claim Rejections

Claim 7 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Farrell (U.S. 756,346).

Claims 1-6 are allowed.

Drawings

Applicant proposes to amend Figures 1-3, as illustrated in red on the attached photocopy. In Figures 1-3, it is proposed to add the label --PRIOR ART--. No "new matter" has been added to the original disclosure by the proposed amendments to these figures. Approval of the proposed drawing changes is respectfully requested.

It is noted that no Patent Drawing Review (Form PTO-948) was received with the outstanding Office Action. Thus, except for the above proposed drawing corrections, Applicants must assume that the drawings are acceptable as filed.

New Claims

By this Amendment, Applicant has amended claim 7 of this application. It is believed that amended claim 7 specifically set forth each element of Applicant's invention in full compliance with 35 U.S.C. § 112, and define subject matter that is patentably distinguishable over the cited prior art.

The cited reference to Farrell discloses a faucet including a tube (6) with a spout (9), a pipe (4) connected to a first end of the tube, a cylindrical plug (7) located on a threaded portion (6a) of the tube, and a hand wheel (14a) positioning the cylindrical plug within the tube.

Farrell does not teach a steel jar; nor does Farrell teach a through hole communicating with an interior of the steel jar.

It is axiomatic in U.S. patent law that, in order for a reference to anticipate a claimed structure, it must clearly disclose each and every feature of the claimed structure. Applicant submits that it is abundantly clear, as discussed above, that Farrell does not disclose each and every feature of Applicant's amended claim 7, and, therefore, could not possibly anticipate this claim under 35 U.S.C. § 102. Absent a specific showing of these features, Farrell cannot be said to anticipate any of Applicant's amended claim 7 under 35 U.S.C. § 102.

It is further submitted that Farrell does not disclose or suggest any modification of the specifically disclosed structures that would lead one having ordinary skill in the art to arrive at Applicant's claimed structure. Thus, it is not believed that Farrell renders obvious Applicant's amended claim 7 under 35 U.S.C. § 103.

Claims 1-6 are allowed.

Summary

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant submits that this application is now in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested. Should any points remain in issue, which the Examiner feels could best be resolved by either a personal or a telephone interview, it is urged that Applicant's local attorney be contacted at the exchange listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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